KLAK KLAK

MISSION 44

TAP TAP

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, THORN PRINCESS.

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MISSION-44

SHK.
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ISN'T IT, THOUGH?

CHIRP
CHIRP

Hello!

YOUR GARDEN IS LOOKING AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER...

...SHOP-KEEPER.

PLOP

PLOP

...AND CAREFUL MAINTE-NANCE...

WITH PROPER WATERING AND PRUNING...

...THE WORLD CAN REMAIN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

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OH, WOW!

THE LEAVES OF THAT SPINDLE TREE ARE ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL THIS TIME OF YEAR. See?

THIS HEATHER SMELLS WONDERFUL.

WELCOME, THORN PRINCESS.

WISH

HA HA HA. I DO APOLOGIZE.

YOU SURPRISED ME.

Don't do that.

I WAS WORRIED THAT FAMILY LIFE MIGHT HAVE DULLED YOUR INSTINCTS.

SHHK

BUT I SEE THEY REMAIN AS HONED AS EVER.

NOW I CAN ASSIGN YOU THIS CLIENT WITH CONFIDENCE.

AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT.

Ha ha!

PLEASE DO! I AM ALWAYS READY TO LAY EVILDOERS TO REST!

...IS TO PROTECT THE CLIENT.

BUT YOUR JOB THIS TIME ...

TO PROTECT ...?

THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE GRETCHER FAMILY...

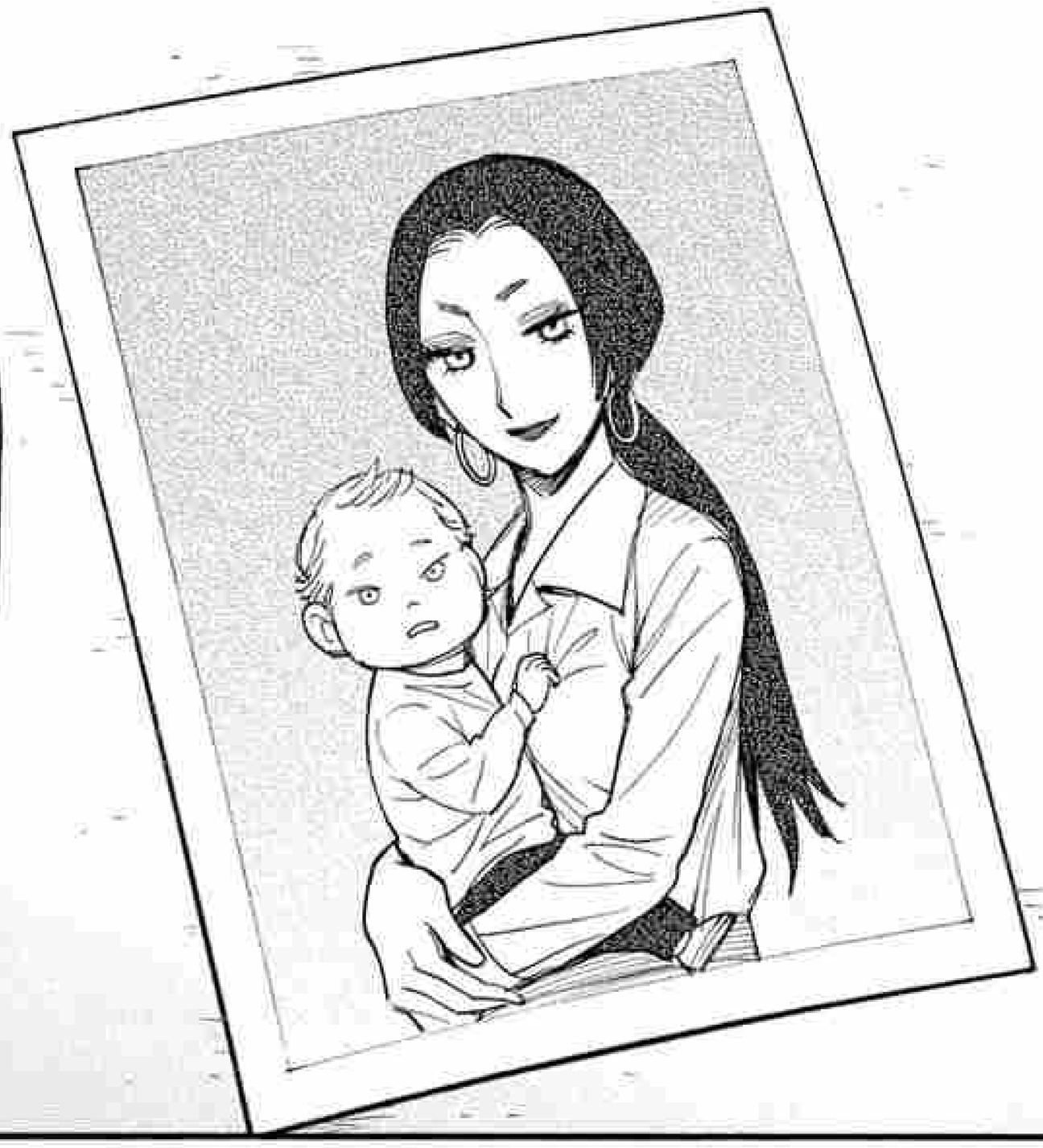
BUT THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY AND BOTH HIS SONS WERE KILLED RECENTLY IN AN INTERNAL DISPUTE.

SHF

FOR GENERATIONS, THEY HAVE WORKED HARD TO MANAGE THIS COUNTRY'S UNDERWORLD IN AN HONORABLE FASHION.

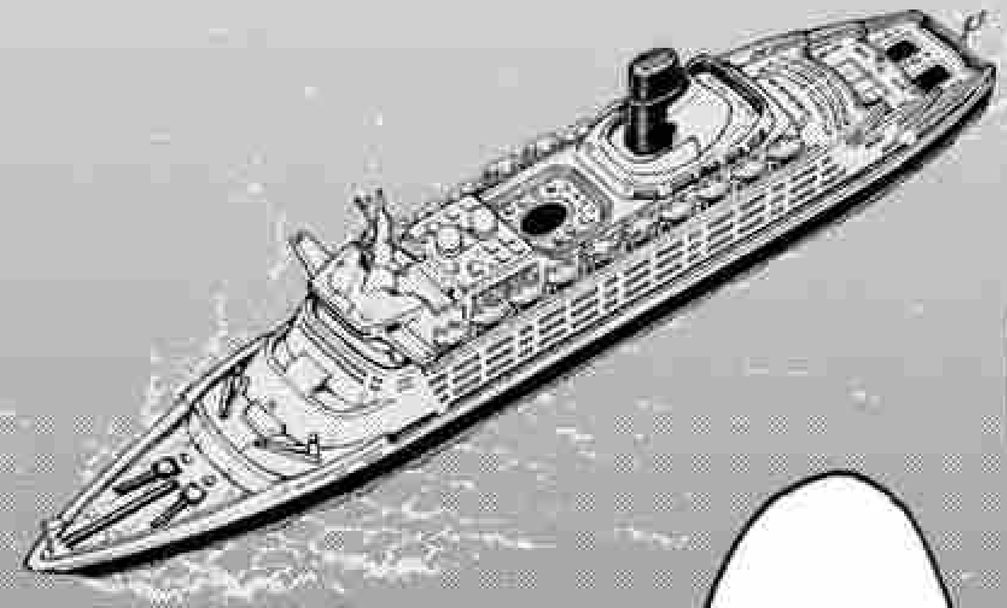
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE GRETCHER FAMILY?

...ARE OLKA GRETCHER AND HER YOUNG SON.



RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE'S PUT SUCH AN ENORMOUS BOUNTY ON HER HEAD THAT EVERY HIT MAN IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY IS ON THE HUNT.

SHE'S BEING KEPT AT A SAFE HOUSE FOR NOW, BUT THE MAN WHO TOOK OVER THEIR ORGANIZATION IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO FIND HER.



TO EVADE DETECTION BY THE COAST GUARD, SHE'LL TRAVEL TO INTERNATIONAL WATERS ON A NORMAL PASSENGER SHIP AND THEN RENDEZVOUS WITH ANOTHER SHIP AT THE PORT OF DISEMBARKATION.

SHE WILL BE FLEEING BY SEA.

WE'VE DECIDED THAT SEEKING ASYLUM IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY IS THE BEST OPTION FOR HER.

I WANT YOU BY HER SIDE UNTIL THE TRANSFER IS COMPLETE.

...FROM AN ARMY OF PROFESSIONAL ASSASSINS?

YOU WANT ME TO PROTECT A MOB FAMILY ...

ALL RIGHT ...

I WOULD CONSIDER IT A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU WOULD DO THIS FOR ME.

I OWE A PERSONAL DEBT TO THE FORMER BOSS OF THE ORGANIZATION, MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

YOU'RE THE BACKUP PLAN ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT SOMETHING GOES WRONG.

WELL, IDEALLY THE TRANSFER WILL BE DONE WITHOUT ANYONE BEING THE WISER.

BUT THERE'S MY JOB AT CITY HALL...

AND ALSO...

I'LL NEED TO COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF EXCUSE TO BE AWAY FROM MY FAMILY FOR A FEW DAYS.

HE WILL FILL YOU IN ON ALL THE DETAILS AFTERWARD.

YOUR MANAGER WAS KIND ENOUGH TO COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT PUTS YOU ON THAT SHIP FOR CITY HALL BUSINESS.

OH, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

...TO DO YOUR PART IN KEEPING THIS WORLD A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, THORN PRINCESS...

I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST!

O-OKAY. I UNDER-STAND.

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I NEED TO FIND MY MOTIVATION— HM?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD A JOB.

SHMP

YOU DON'T USUALLY RIDE THIS TRAIN.

OH, UH, JUST ON MY WAY BACK FROM A LITTLE WORK TRIP.

ACTUALLY, I WAS ARRESTING A DISSIDENT ...

OH. THEN WELCOME HOME.

FWUMP

POP

YUR?!

YURI!

KSHP

WHU— ?!

REALLY?!

BEAM

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

NO... I GUESS YOU'RE NOT.

YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR SOCKS LYING AROUND, RIGHT?

YURI, ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT?

YOR, I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE.

AND I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO ANYWAY. (SORTING THROUGH THE AUDIO TRANSCRIPTS AND SUCH.)

OH... ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'LL PASS. I'M SURE LOI-LOI'S GONNA BE THERE.

Never. Ever.

When will you learn to accept Loid?

NEXT STOP, FOGUE SQUARE.

SEE YOU LATER.

SHUMP

IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD START TURNING TO ME FOR HELP NOW.

ESPECIALLY IF IT'S ABOUT LOI-LOI. I'D HAVE HIM EXECUTED IN A HEART-BEAT.

NOW STOPPING AT FOGUE SQUARE.

I CAN'T KEEP CLINGING TO MY BIG SISTER LIKE WE'RE STILL LITTLE KIDS.

Even though I just did the other day.

YURI REALLY IS ALL GROWN-UP NOW.

HEE HEE!

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SHMP

KTNK KTNK KTNK

VRRRRM

HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T NEED MY HELP ANYMORE.

HE HAS AN IMPRESSIVE JOB THAT SUPPORTS HIM.

KTNK KTNK KTNK

IT MAKES ME WONDER IF THERE'S REALLY ANY POINT...

...IN KEEPING MY ASSASSIN JOB.

CENTRAL

BEEP BEEP

SEVENTH PRIZE EARNS YOU A POT SCRUBBER!

KLAA——NG

POT SCRUBBER

OH NO! WHAT A SHAME!

CENTRAL MALL
MEGA RAFFLE

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL, TO THE CENTRAL MALL'S BIANNUAL MEGA RAFFLE!

YOU EARN ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY 30 DALC YOU SPEND TODAY!

YAP

YAP

DAMMIT!

...

YAP

YAP

KEEP TRYING YOUR LUCK, FOLKS!

SPLENDOR CRU

THE GRAND PRIZE IS A PAIR OF TICKETS FOR A LUXURY VOYAGE FROM SPLENDOR CRUISES!

OOH!

GIVE THIS GALLANT HERO ALL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS.

I ONLY HAVE THE ONE.

I SEE. HOW GALLANT.

PAPA... I AM GOING TO SET SAIL ON THAT BOAT INTO A WORLD OF ADVENTURE.

GLINT

BADMP

BADMP

IS THERE EVEN A GRAND PRIZE TICKET IN THERE?

KLAANG

OH, SO SORRY. SIXTH PRIZE IS A PREMIUM POT SCRUBBER!

I RIGGED THE RAFFLE TO MAKE SURE.

THAT CRUISE IS GONNA BE OURS.

KRAKL

AND IT'S NOT GONNA BE. BUT KEEP THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY, MORONS.

THE GRAND PRIZE TICKET HAS YET TO BE CLAIMED!

HA HA HA. THESE STUPID SHEEP.

SIGH.

HEH

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THE GRAND PRIZE TICKET IS STUCK TO THE TOP OF THE BOX.

NO ONE ELSE IS EVER GONNA FIND IT.

JUST A LITTLE PERK OF THE JOB.

Cindy and I are gonna have a blast. ♡

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I KNOW, I KNOW. I'M SUPPOSED TO PRETEND WE'RE STRANGERS.

OH, SO CLOSE! FIFTH PRIZE WINS YOU A GOLDEN POT SCRUBBER!

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I DON'T EVEN LIKE CRUISES.

But hey, a free trip's a free trip.

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Heh heh heh

I SURE HOPE YOU WIN.

RUSTLE RUSTLE

THAT LADY BEHIND YOU WANTS HER GRAND PRIZE TICKET.

NOW HURRY UP AND LOSE, BRAT.

YOU'RE NEXT, LITTLE LADY. GO AHEAD AND TRY YOUR LUCK!

Reach right in.

TURN TURN TURN

OH!

HUH?!

SHP...

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KLANG KLANG KLAAANG

CENTRAL

BUT HOOOW ?!

WHA?!

WE HAVE OUR BIG WINNER!

TMP TMP TMP

MAMA! MAMA! GUESS WHAT!

CHAK

LOID, ANYA, I'M HOME.

TA-DAH

I WON A TRIP ON A BOAT!

WHAT ?!

SPLENDOR CRUISES

PAIR TICKET

IT WAS A PAIR OF TICKETS. MAYBE YOU TWO COULD GO TOGETHER?

I have work.

SHOCK

YOU'RE NOT COMING, BOND.

I'M SO EXCITED. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE OCEAN BEFORE!

WORF WORF ♪

THAT'S INCRED-IBLE.

SHE WON THE GRAND PRIZE IN A DEPARTMENT STORE RAFFLE.

PAPA'S SUSPI-CIOUS OF EVERYTHING.

YES, TRULY INCREDIBLE. IT MAY BE SOME SORT OF TRAP.

YOU'RE GOING ON A SHIP FOR WORK?

Oh, um...

THE CITY IS WINING AND DINING SOME BIGWIGS FROM A FAMOUS DEPARTMENT STORE CHAIN IN ORDER TO LURE THEM HERE.

AH, MUST BE PART OF THAT NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

HUH ...?

THE SHIP IS THE *PRINCESS LORELEI*?!

THAT'S THE SHIP I'M TRAVELING ON FOR MY JOB!

AND IT'S THE SAME FRIDAY DEPARTURE DATE!

MAMA'S GONNA BE IN AN ASSASSIN BATTLE FOR WORK?!

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GASP

ACTUALLY, I'LL BE PROTECTING A VIP FROM A GROUP OF ASSASSINS, BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT.

...

What should I do?

BUT IF THE TWO OF THEM WERE TO END UP ON THE SAME BOAT WITH ME, THAT COULD REALLY GET IN THE WAY OF THE JOB...

JUST GIVE IT UP ALREADY! GOING TO THE OCEAN IS ALL SHE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT SINCE SHE WON THE TICKETS!

I SUPPOSE IF SHE DID GO, SHE COULD HELP MAMA WITH HER WORK. THAT WOULD KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE...

THAT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH US! WHAT ANYA WANTS IS TO RIDE ON THAT BOAT, AND YOU KNOW IT!

YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP ON THIS OOTING. YOU DON'T WANT TO CAUSE MAMA TROUBLE.

KRAK!

OH!

Well...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!

If you don't let me, I'll turn to a life of crime!

I WANNA RIDE THE BOAT! I WANNA! I WANNA! I WANNA!

TOMORROW I'LL ASK IF I CAN TAKE SOME TIME OFF WORK...

PHOTOS

WHAT?!

BY ALL MEANS, GO AHEAD.

EXPECTATION

IS THAT A JOKE?! YOU'LL WORK TILL YOU COLLAPSE!

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UH... ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

I'LL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS SO YOU CAN GET THE TIME OFF FROM THE HOSPITAL AS WELL.

AGENT TWILIGHT, I EXPECT YOU TO EXECUTE YOUR MISSION OF REST AND RECREATION AS THOROUGHLY AS YOU WOULD ANY OTHER.

WE'LL CONSIDER IT A PART OF ANYA'S CARE AND EDUCATION FOR OPERATION STRIX.

WORD IS SHE GOT AN EARFUL FROM UPPER MANAGEMENT ABOUT OVER-WORKING US.

Psst ...

AH.

GOIN' ON AN OOTING, GOIN' ON AN OOTING... ♪

WHOOSH

AT HOME

I SUPPOSE IT HAS. Although I'm here for work ...

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE GONE OUT LIKE THIS AS A FAMILY!

I NEED TO GET MY PRIORITIES STRAIGHT HERE.

SIGH... WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT?

SHK SHK

MAMA, WHAT'S WRONG?

Be careful.

IF I DIDN'T HAVE THAT ASSIGNMENT, I WOULD REALLY ENJOY SPENDING THIS TIME WITH THEM.

HEE HEE.

I THINK OUR STOP IS NEXT!

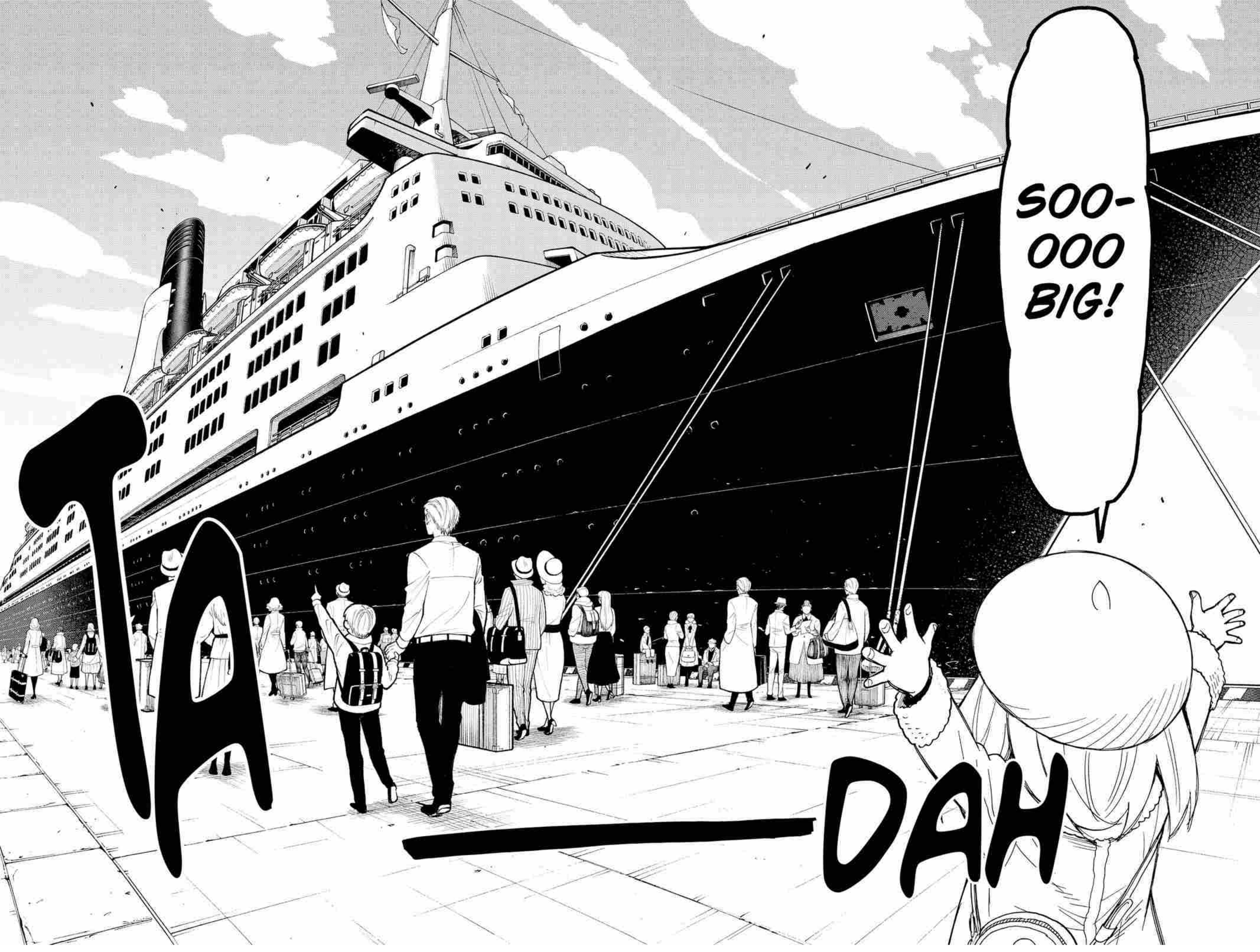
BUT MAYBE...

...I CAN MAKE THIS MY FINAL JOB AS THE THORN PRINCESS.

BWOOO

GASP

OOOO-HHH!!!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BIG!
AH
DAH

HEE HEE HEE.

CALM DOWN.

HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF

OH WOW! OH WOW! OH WOW! OH WOW! OH WOW! OH WOW!

FORGIVE US FOR HAVING FUN WHILE YOU'RE WORKING.

GOOD LUCK, MAMA!

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I'LL CONTACT YOU WHEN I CAN.

WELL, I NEED TO GO MEET UP WITH THE REST OF THE GROUP FROM CITY HALL.

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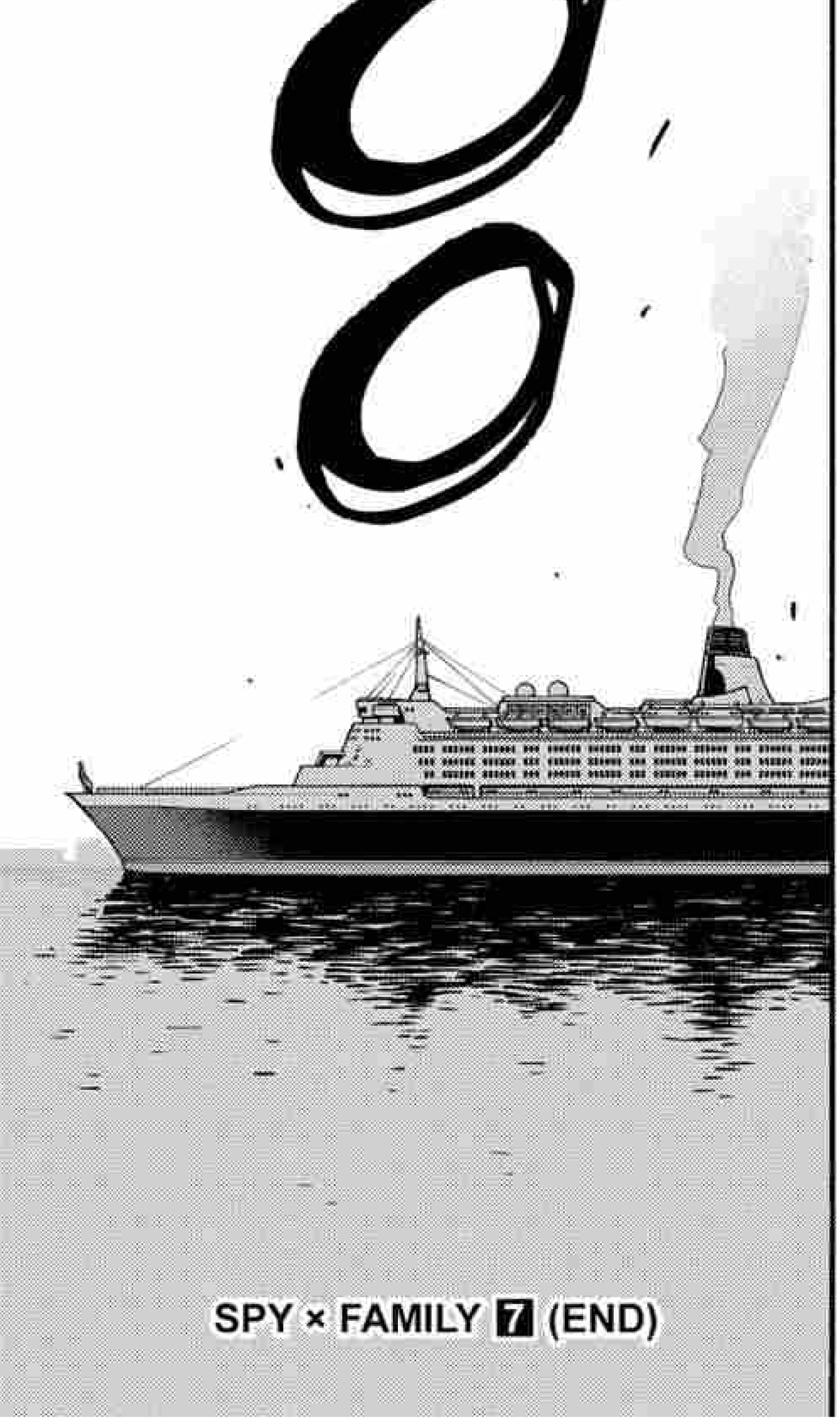

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